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(57) Abstract: A method of treating coloured fabrics with a luminance (L\*) Less than 50, preferably black garments, which comprises contacting the fabrics with a wash liquor comprising: a) 0.1 - 0.001 g/L of a hydroxy C2-C4 alkyl derivative of a beta 1-4 polysaccharide, which is preferably hydroxyethyl cellylose and b) surfactant.

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